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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 304.725, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to combat decoration license plate recognition.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 304.725, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 304.725, to read as follows:

304.725. 1. A veteran displaying special license plates issued under section 301.145, 301.443, 301.451, ~~[or] 301.456, [or a veteran who is a Bronze Star recipient]~~ **301.3052, 301.3053, or 301.3075, or a Distinguished Service Cross recipient, Air Force Cross recipient, or Coast Guard Cross recipient** who displays a placard issued under subsection 2 of this section may park his or her motor vehicle, weighing not more than six thousand pounds gross weight, without charge, in a metered parking space **or in a parking lot or garage on any public college or university in the state of Missouri, except during a special event where a separate parking fee may apply.**

2. A veteran who has been awarded the ~~[military service award known as the "Bronze Star"]~~ **Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Coast Guard Cross, or a veteran who qualifies for a special license plate under subsection 1 of this section** may apply to the director of revenue for a removable windshield placard **at no cost to the veteran.** Upon application, such veteran shall present proof to the director of his or her receipt of such award. Such placard shall be hung from the front, middle rearview mirror of a parked motor vehicle and may not be hung from the mirror during operation. When there is no rearview mirror, the placard shall be displayed on the dashboard on the driver's side.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 3. A local authority's compliance with this section is solely contingent upon the approval
18 of its governing body.

19 4. This section does not exempt a vehicle displaying special license plates under section
20 301.145, 301.443, 301.451, ~~301.456~~, **301.3052, 301.3053, or 301.3075**, or displaying a
21 placard as provided in subsection 2 of this section, from compliance with any other state law or
22 ordinance, including, but not limited to, vehicle height restrictions, zones that prohibit stopping,
23 parking, or standing of all vehicles, parking time limitations, street sweeping, restrictions of the
24 parking space to a particular type of vehicle, or the parking of a vehicle that is involved in the
25 operation of a street vending business.

26 5. This section does not authorize a vehicle displaying special license plates under
27 section 301.145, 301.443, 301.451, ~~301.456~~, **301.3052, 301.3053, or 301.3075**, or
28 displaying a placard as provided in subsection 2 of this section, to park in a state parking facility
29 that is designated only for state employees.

30 6. This section does not authorize a vehicle displaying special license plates under
31 section 301.145, 301.443, 301.451, ~~301.456~~, **301.3052, 301.3053, or 301.3075**, or
32 displaying a placard as provided in subsection 2 of this section, to park during time periods other
33 than the normal business hours of, or the maximum time allotted by, a state or local authority
34 parking facility.

35 7. This section does not require the state or a local authority to designate specific parking
36 spaces for vehicles displaying special license plates under section 301.145, 301.443, 301.451,
37 ~~301.456~~, **301.3052, 301.3053, or 301.3075**, or displaying a placard as provided in subsection
38 2 of this section.

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